

dislocation of shoulder; examination of tumour of breast. The subject of the final scene is uncertain, but it seems to represent "First aid after duelling or fighting." The inscription beneath translated, signifies: "God created medicine out of the earth and the prudent man will not withhold from it. A.D. 1623." The

panel is comparable to some of the highly ornamented overmantels of the West Country. That the craftsman who carved it had an eye for design is shown by the use made of drug jars as a background, and the selection of the only bed-side scene to surmount the centre panel. (*Country Life*, May 4, 1924). ÆSCULAP

Annual Meetings

ALBERTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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The annual meeting of the Alberta Medical Association held in Edmonton, September 8th, 9th and 10th, was one of the best and altogether most satisfactory meetings ever held in Alberta, particularly from the standpoint of the general practitioner. Over one hundred and fifty delegates were registered, and the sessions were well attended throughout the three days, great interest being shown by those present in the excellent series of papers presented. The meetings were held in the lecture theatre of the University Medical Building, which provided satisfactory accommodation for lantern slides and other means of illustrating the subjects under consideration.

While a large number of excellent papers were contributed by members of the Alberta Association, it is no disparagement to say that the chief interest centred round the subjects discussed by the eminent men from the Eastern Provinces and the Motherland. From Great Britain came Sir Henry Gauvain, of "The Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples Hospital" Alton, England. His paper on orthopædic surgery was illustrated by lantern slides of cases treated, which showed results bordering on the miraculous, in what appeared to be almost hopeless cases of spine and hip disease. These marvellous results in the alleviation and cure of such conditions, were obtained without surgical procedure or bone grafting, which Sir Henry deprecates in children. His second address was largely confined to a clinic on a number of crippled children brought in from the hospitals of the city and his methods of examination and diagnosis were demonstrated in a most practical manner. In the course of his remarks Sir Henry discussed in a most interesting way the benefits of sunlight and ultra-violet rays in the treatment of disease, and the remarkable results on the metabolism of the body resulting from cold sea water baths and exposure of the body to the open

air. Sir Henry while in Edmonton, was the guest of the Women's Canadian Club and gave an address before the members, descriptive of the treatment of crippled children.

From Kingston, Ontario, came Dr. R. R. MacGregor, Assistant Professor of Medicine in charge of Pædiatrics in Queen's University, whose very practical and interesting talks on "The common nutritional disturbances of infancy as observed in practice," and "Pyelitis in infancy" were much appreciated.

The surgical side of medicine was well represented by Dr. Fraser Gurd, Associate in Surgery, McGill University, Montreal, whose paper on "Treatment of Fractures involving the ankle joint," illustrated by lantern slides was productive of much favourable comment. The discussion which followed was led by Dr. W. A. Wilson, Edmonton. Dr. Gurd's second subject was "Empyema, acute and chronic." The subject was handled in a very thorough manner. The discussion which followed was led by Dr. M. MacKay, Edmonton, and Dr. Ross of Drumheller.

Dr. G. C. Hale, Professor of Medicine, Western University Medical School, London, Ontario, took for the subject of his addresses "Nephritis from the standpoint of the general practitioner," "The patient complains of dyspepsia," and "Functional and organic heart disease." Much practical knowledge and information in the diagnosis and treatment of these common conditions, was afforded those who had the privilege of hearing him.

The following papers were read by members of the Alberta Association during the convention.

"Chronic metritis" by Dr. L. C. Conn, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynæcology of the University of Alberta. This was illustrated by a series of beautifully stained and developed slides, shown on the screen by Dr. Leone McGregor, the assistant pathologist of the University. The discussion which followed was led by Dr. Parsons of Red Deer and Dr. J. S. McEachern of Calgary.

"Mortality in appendicitis" by Dr. A. R. Young

and Dr. A. E. Archer of Lamont, Alberta, evoked much interest and discussion led by Dr. Edgar Allin, Edmonton. A series of cases numbering two hundred and forty-five were given in which the deaths had numbered three or slightly over 1 per cent.

"Hay fever" by Dr. O. Boyd, Medicine Hat, was discussed by Dr. Heber Jamieson, Edmonton, and Dr. W. S. Galbraith, Lethbridge.

Dr. E. H. Cooke, Superintendent of the Alberta Mental Hospital at Ponoka, read a paper on the "Malarial treatment for general paresis of the insane," in which he stated that while there was an element of danger to life involved in the treatment, the beneficial results obtained in many cases fully justified any patient in taking the treatment, which might bring to him a greatly increased expectancy of life, if not complete cessation of progress of the disease and subsequent cure. In untreated cases the expectancy of life, is, at the best of very short duration and, therefore, the benefit to the majority, who react favourably to the treatment quite justifies the risk to the minority who react unfavourably, or die following inoculation. Careful records are being kept of the cases treated by Dr. Cooke and further investigations are being made of this interesting discovery in the treatment of the insane. Dr. H. H. Hepburn of Edmonton led the discussion which followed.

"The elimination of the chronically discharging ear," by Dr. Norman Allin, of Edmonton, brought out an interesting discussion, participated in by Drs. Scanlon, McGibbon, Jamieson and W. N. Condell, of Edmonton.

"Poliomyelitis with particular reference to the epidemic in Calgary district in 1924," by Dr. G. A. Anderson, of Calgary, was taken as read, Dr. Anderson being unable to be present.

"Some points in early treatment of infantile paralysis," by Dr. Hastings Mewburn, Lecturer in orthopaedic surgery, University of Alberta, was discussed by Drs. W. Merritt and R. B. Dean, of Calgary. Treatment directed toward preventing or lessening deformity was fully explained.

"The present status of the x-ray examination of the gall bladder," by Dr. R. B. Mooney, of Edmonton, was illustrated on the screen in a very graphic way, and the discussion following was led by Dr. W. S. Quint, of Calgary.

"The surgical treatment of spastic paralysis," by Dr. J. F. Folinsbee, of Edmonton, emphasized the importance of early surgical treatment. It was discussed by Dr. D. B. Leitch and Dr. MacGregor, of Kingston.

A paper on "Perforated ulcer of Meckel's diverticulum," by Dr. A. L. McCalla, of Calgary, presented interesting facts regarding the mucosa of Meckel's diverticulum, which he stated to be similar to the gastric mucosa; and that an ulcer of the diverticulum may be associated with gastric ulcer.

"Prostatism, with a report of one hundred cases treated," was the title of the paper presented by Dr. Emerson Smith, of Edmonton, Lecturer in genito-urinary surgery, University of Alberta. In this paper the treatment of prostate conditions was fully described. The results in the one hundred cases showed a mortality of only 4 per cent.

A special feature of the convention were the two x-ray exhibits by Dr. G. H. Malcolmson and Dr. R. Proctor, of Edmonton. A pathological exhibit in charge of Dr. Harold Vango, Associate Professor of Pathology, University of Alberta, was also a subject of much interest.

During the convention the delegates were invited to a Board of Trade luncheon at the MacDonald Hotel, were entertained at a Garden Party and reception at Government House by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor Dr. W. Egbert, and at the annual banquet at the MacDonald Hotel given by the Academy of Medicine. At the latter Dr. T. C. Routley, Secretary of the Canadian Medical Association was the chief speaker. Dr. Routley also addressed the Canadian Club at a noon luncheon, giving a specially inspiring talk on "Health—our greatest Canadian asset." At the close of the meeting a golf competition was held, participated in by some of the visiting delegates. Special credit is due to the President, Dr. Irving Bell, the Secretary, Dr. Scanlon, and the Committee in charge for the success of this meeting.

For the coming year the officers elected are:

<i>Hon. President—</i>	Lieutenant Governor Egbert;
<i>Past President—</i>	Dr. Irving Bell, Edmonton;
<i>President—</i>	Dr. W. Merritt, Calgary;
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